

## House Resolution No. 32

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Steenrod, treasured residents of Greenfield, Missouri, commemorated the splendid occasion of their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary on December 25, 2002, with a festive celebration at the Dade County Nursing Home; and

**Whereas**, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on December 25, 1937, Francis Steenrod and Vesta Norris began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony in Lockwood, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. Steenrod provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as an accountant and bookkeeper for forty years while somehow finding the time and energy for affiliation with the Kiwanis Club, Greenfield Men's Civic Club, Lockwood Golf Association, and the Dade County Senior Citizen Board; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mrs. Steenrod enjoyed her family immensely and distinguished herself as a receptionist and member of the Greenfield Ladies Literary and Civic Club and the Dade County Senior Citizen Board; and

**Whereas**, devout members of the Lockwood First Baptist Church, Francis and Vesta Steenrod attribute their sixty-five years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their children, Roger Steenrod (deceased), Nancy Dodd, Kathleen Lyday, Kathryn Steenrod, and Randy Lyday (deceased); and their six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, with the words of the Lord to guide their way, Francis and Vesta Steenrod have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for Francis and Vesta Steenrod upon the glorious celebration of their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as they continue their journey together along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Francis Steenrod, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Ronnie Miller  
District No. 133

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of  
Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First

Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 32, adopted January 13, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker